

**Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority**  
Memorandum

To: Honorable Chair and  
Members of the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority

From: Lisa Goldman  
Acting City Manager

Date: January 5, 2011

Re: Approve a Waiver of License Fee for Michaan's Auctions for Use of Portions  
of Building 20

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**BACKGROUND**

Michaan's Auctions (dba Auctions by the Bay) is a leading, full-service auction house specializing in the appraisal and sale of antiques and fine art. Examples of Michaan's Auctions specialty departments include Asian works of art; furniture and decorative arts; and modern, contemporary, European and American paintings; prints and jewelry. Over the past few years, Michaan's Auctions has been growing and developing national recognition as a premier auction house. The auction house has been located at Alameda Point since 2001. Michaan's Auctions currently leases Building 25 as their primary annex auction location.

**DISCUSSION**

The ARRA is testing the fire sprinkler system in Building 25 and Michaan's Auctions needs temporary storage space in order to avoid potential damage to the auction items currently stored in the building while testing occurs. As a result, Michaan's Auctions has requested temporary use of approximately half of Building 20 from the ARRA as storage space for a three-week period and a waiver of license fees for use of the space. ARRA staff recommends granting a waiver of license fees because ARRA is conducting the work to certify the fire sprinkler system and Michaan's Auctions will be moving their auction items and clearing each bay as the system is tested. The license period will be from January 13 – 25, 2011. Michaan's Auctions will continue to pay rent for Building 25 while their items are temporarily stored in Building 20.

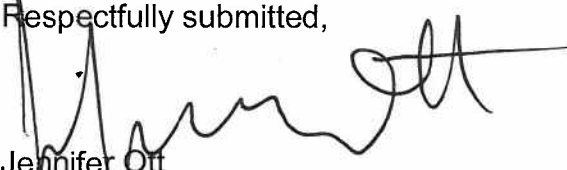
**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact. The portions of Building 20 requested by Michaan's Auctions for temporary storage are currently vacant.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a waiver of license fees for Michaan's Auctions for use of portions of Building 20.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Ott", written over the typed name.

Jennifer Ott  
Deputy City Manager

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